

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

Please return your form for conference times if you have not yet done so.

Please come to HJB's fall festival this Saturday! It is a great way for a family to spend time together. I will not be able to make it; it is my son's last football game.

PALS information will be shared with you at the conference.

Language Arts:

Apples were everywhere in kindergarten this week! To begin the week, we learned about Johnny Appleseed and how he planted and shared apple seeds with the new settlers. We also practiced directionality and writing by putting apples *on, off, under, over, behind, beside* the tree. We loved reading the book, *There is an alligator under my bed*. After we read the story, we wrote about what we do if an alligator was under our bed. Some of us wanted to be nice and feed him french, and others decided keeping the alligator for a pet might be the solution. I think I might give him a blanket and pillow; what would you do?

Math:

It was a lot of fun using the apples that we brought from home to do special activities during math. We began by sorting our apples in various ways - by color, by size, and by shape. Did you know that there is a star inside of every apple? We found this out after we read the story, "The Star in the Apple", and then we cut some apples to see for ourselves. When we were cutting the apple to see the star, we also made a prediction about how many seeds would be in the apple and then we counted to see exactly how many seeds were in the apple. We also enjoyed making patterns using apples and paint; we made AAB, ABB, ABC patterns with apple prints. Next, we used a string to measure around our apple, and then used cubes to measure the string. It was new experience for us to use balance scales to weigh our apples to find out how many bears would balance the scale. Learning is always more fun when you can make a "real" connection!

Other Activities:

In center time, we painted glittery apples, matched apples with numbers to worms with hole punches, and used magnifying glasses to look at some cool things from nature.

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Upcoming Events:

- October 26 - Field Trip
- October 28 - Rain Date for Field Trip
- October 29 - Horrible Hair Day
- November 1 - No School for Students
- November 2 - No school for Students/Parent-Teacher Conferences

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

Homework:

Please read to your child nightly. Take time to ask questions about the story before, during, and after reading the story. Before you begin reading ask: "What do you think this story will be about?" While you are reading, ask: "What do you think will happen next?" When you are finished reading, ask: "What was your favorite part of the story? Who was your favorite character in the story?"

Next Week:

We will begin learning about the letter "h" and having fun with Halloween. PALS testing will be completed next week and the scores will be shared with you at conferences in November.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

*Please contact me with any
questions and concerns:
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